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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OTRA (MANSFIELD, MIKE), ENRG,TW
SUBJECT: MANSFIELD REQUESTS INFORMATION RE US OIL COMPANIES

REF: HONG KONG 0063

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1. NO AMERICAN COMPANIES ARE CURRENTLY DRILLING OR SURVEYING IN CONCESSIONS GRANTED BY REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AMERICAN FIRMS HOLDING CONCESSIONS ARE: GULF, AMOCO, CONOCO, OCEANIC, CLINTON, TEXTFEL.
2. DURING 1973 AMOCO DRILLED ONE EXPLORATION WELL IN ITS CONCESSION AT 120 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE AND 24 DEGREES 46 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE, AND GULF DRILLED A WELL IN ITS CONCESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 25 DEGREES 45 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE AND 121 DEGEES 57 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE. IN 1974 A CONSORTIUM OF AMOCO, CONOCO AND THE CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CPC) DRILLED TWO EXPLORATION WELLS IN THE CONOCO CONCESSION. THE
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CONSORTIUM PLANS TO RECOMMENCE DRILLING OPERATIONS

NEXT SPRING AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 70 MILES ALMOST
DUE WEST OF KAOHSIUNG. GULF PLANS TO COMMENCE DRILLING
A SECOND EXPLORATORY WELL NEXT FEBRUARY OR MARCH.
DRILLING BY GULF PROBABLY WILL TAKE PLACE IN AN AREA
121 TO 122 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE BY 25 DEGREES
30 MINUTES TO 26 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE. NO RPT NO
OPERATIONS CONDUCTED OR PLANNED IN SENKAKUS AREA.
INSOFAR AS KNOWN DRILLING HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY
AMERICAN-OWNED VESSELS BUT WITH 3RD COUNTRY CREWS AND
REGISTRY.

3. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF OTHER CONCESSIONAIRES--TEXFEL,
CLINTON OR OCEANIC--ARE PRESENTLY PLANNING SURVEYING OR
EXPLORATORY DRILLING.

4. COPY OF MAP SHOWING CONCESSION AREAS SENT TO CINCPAC
FLEET AS ENCLOSURE ENTITLED ROC CONCESSION AREAS IN
USDAO IR NUMBER 6 818 0278 DATED 16 SEPT. 1974. IF
MAP NOT AVAILABLE FROM CINCPAC FLEET, PLEASE ADVISE
AND EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE OUTER LIMITS CONCESSIONS LATITUDE
AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES.

5. NO USG INVESTMENT GUARANTEES ARE INVOLVED IN DRILLING
OPERATIONS OFF TAIWAN.
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